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SUBJ: DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE SUGGESTS SHILO SETTLERS
MOVE TO ALTERNATIVE SETTLEMENT SITE

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1. SUMMARY: DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE TZIPORI TOLD
GUSH EMUNIM LEADERS LAST WEEK THT THERE WILL BE NO
EXCAVATIONS AT SHILO AND SUGGESTED THAT THE SETTLERS
THERE MOVE TO AN ALTERNATIVE SITE IN SAMARIA. THE
GUSH REPLIED THAT THE SETTLERS INTEND TO REMAIN AT
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SHILO. THE SETTLERS ALSO CALLED ON BEGN TO RECOGNIZE
SHILO AS A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT. BOTH MOD SPOKESMAN
AND GUSH SOURCE CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT TZIPORI
"SUGGESTED" RATHER THAN "ORDERED" SETTLERS TO LEAVE SHILO.
THE MINISTERIAL SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE IS TO MEET MARCH 29 TO
TAKE UP ISSUES OF SHILO AS WELL AS WHETHER TO LIFT THE FREEZE
ON NEW SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY. ISRAEL RADIO REPORTS THAT THE COM-

MITTEE WILL RETAIN THE FREEZE ON NEW SETTLEMENTS IN THE SINAI. THE MOST CONTENTIOUS ISSUE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IS LIKELY TO BE SHILO. ALTHOUGH WEIZMAN HAS STATED THAT THE SETTLERS SHOULD BE REMOVED IF THERE ARE NO EXCAVATIONS, HE IS UNLIKELY TO WIN MUCH SUPPORT FOR EVACUATING THEM BY FORCE. THE COMMITTEE WILL PROBABLY RECOMMEND THAT TZIPORI CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GUSH ON A VOLUNTARY MOVE TO ANOTHER SITE. HOWEVER, THE GUSH IS SITTING TIGHT IN THE EXPECTATION THAT BEGIN WILL NOT ALLOW THE SETTLERS TO BE FORCIBLY REMOVED FROM SHILO. END SUMMARY

2. LAST WEEK DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER TZIPORI MET WITH GUSH EMUNIM LEADERS AND EXPLAINED THAT NO ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AT SHILO IN THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE. (ARCHAEOLOGIST ZE'EV YAVIN, WHO WAS DUE TO SUPERVISE THE DIG, TOLD ISRAEL RADIO THAT EXCAVATIONS WERE POSTPONED BECAUSE THERE ARE NO FUNDS NOR A PERMIT TO DIG.) SINCE THERE IS THEREFORE NO USE FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CAMP AT SHILO, TZIPORI "OFFERED" TO FIND THE SHILO SETTLERS ALTERNATIVE SITES IN SAMARIA OR "ANOTHER SOLUTION." IN RESPONSE, GUSH EMUNIM LEADERS STATED THE SHILO SETTLERS INTEND TO REMAIN AND WILL NOT LEAVE. THE SETTLERS ALSO SENT A CABLE TO BEGIN CALLING UPON HIM TO RECOGNIZE SHILO AS A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT.

3. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SPOKESMAN STRESSED TO EMBOFF THAT TZIPORI "SUGGESTED" RATHER THAN "ORDERED" THE SETTLERS TO LEAVE SHILO. ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, IF THE SETTLERS DID NOT ACCEPT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TZIPORI'S SUGGESTION IT WOULD BE UP TO THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO HANDLE THE SITUATION. THE SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO SAY IF TZIPORI MADE THE SUGGESTION TO THE GUSH ON THE BASIS OF A GOVERNMENT DECISION.

4. ZVI SLONIM OF GUSH EMUNIM, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETINGS WITH TZIPORI, CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT TZIPORI HAD NOT ORDERED SETTLERS TO LEAVE SHILO. RATHER, TZIPORI AND THE GUSH HAD "DISCUSSED" THE FUTURE OF THE SHILO SETTLERS. IN RESPONSE TO OFFER OF ALTERNATIVE SITES IN THE AREA OF SHILO, SLONIM SAID THAT GUSH HAD TOLD TZIPORI THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ESTABLISH A REGULAR SETTLEMENT AT SHILO. IN ANY CASE, SLONIM STATED THE SETTLERS WOULD NOT LEAVE SHILO. HE CLAIMED WEIZMAN WAS BEHIND TZIPORI'S SUGGESTION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GUSH DOES NOT

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BELIEVE BEGIN WILL EVACUATE THE SHILO SETTLERS. SLONIM THOUGHT
THAT BEGIN HAD SPOKEN TOO OFTEN ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SHILO
IN JEWISH HISTORY TO REFUSE TO LET JEWS LIVE THERE.

5. THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SETTLEMENT AFFAIRS IS SCHEDULED
TO MEET ON MARCH 29 TO DISCUSS FUTURE SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES,
EXPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO SHILO. THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO REVIEW
THE DECISION TAKEN PRIOR TO WEIZMAN'S VISIT TO THE U.S. TO
FREEZE NEW SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY.

6. COMMENT: SETTLEMENT CONSTRUCTION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
BEGUN PRIOR TO WEIZMAN'S VISIT TO THE U.S. HAS CONTINUED WITHOUT
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INTERRUPTION DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS. NEW SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY,
ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS BEEN FROZEN DURING THIS PERIOD. THE MIN-
ISTERIAL COMMITTEE IS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO DECIDE WHETHER TO
LIFT THE FREEZE. SPECIFICALLY, THIS ENTAILS A DECISION ON
WHETHER (A) TO BEGIN GROUND WORK FOR FOUR NEW SETTLEMENTS IN
THE FAFAH APPROACHES; (B) TO ALLOW THE KADESH BARNEA GROUP TO
RESUME CONSTRUCTION AT THEIR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT SITE IN

EASTERN SINAI; AND (C) TO BEGIN GROUND WORK AT NABI SALAH AND SEVERAL OTHER WEST BANK SITES. ALTHOUGH THIS IS AN SUBJECT WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WITH MUCH ACCURACY, WE NOTE ISRAEL RADIO'S ESTIMATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL FOR THE TIME BEING CONTINUE THE FREEZE ON NEW SETTLEMENTS IN THE SINAI. HOWEVER, THE GOI IS UNLIKELY TO REFRAIN FOR LONG FROM NEW SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY ON THE WEST BANK. A MORE CONTENTIOUS ISSUE FACING THE MINISTERIAL SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE IS THE FUTURE OF THE SHILO SETTLERS. ALTHOUGH WEIZMAN HAS STATED THAT THE SETTLERS SHOULD BE REMOVED IF THERE ARE NO EXCAVATIONS AT SHILO, HE IS UNLIKELY TO WIN MUCH SUPPORT FOR EVACUATING THEM BY FORCE. THEREFORE, THE COMMITTEE WILL PROBABLY RECOMMEND THAT TZIPORI (WHEN HE RETURNS FROM HIS TRIP TO THE U.S.) CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GUSH ON A VOLUNTARY MOVE TO ANOTHER SITE. HOWEVER, THE GUSH HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO ALL THAT THE SETTLERS HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING SHILO. THEY ARE SITTING TIGHT IN THE EXPECTATION THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UNWILLING FORCIBLY TO REMOVE THEM. THEY ARE PROBABLY RIGHT.

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